

City of Newburgh

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Citizen Advisory Committee to Discuss Formation of Districting Committee at Jan. 26 Meeting

The initial steps to enact the recently approved City Charter revisions will be taken at the January 26, 2012 Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting, which will be held at 7 p.m. at the City of Newburgh Activity Center, 401 Washington Street. Corporation Counsel Michelle Kelson will present an overview of the CAC's role in developing a pool of individuals to serve on the districting commission which will reconfigure the City to four wards. All are invited to attend.

The CAC will be responsible for screening interested candidates for the Districting Commission to be sure they meet the eligibility criteria set forth in the Charter revisions, which specify that members must be City residents, eligible to register and vote, who are not elected government or political party officials.

The initial seven-member districting commission will have five members appointed by the 2012 City Council, and the districting commission will then appoint the remaining two members.

The process of creating a districting commission will be repeated every 10 years following the Census. Future commissions will be appointed by a seven-member City Council as outlined in the approved Charter revisions.

If you are interested in serving on the Districting Commission, please forward a letter of interest with your contact information to Ann Kuzmik at City Hall, 83 Broadway, Newburgh, N.Y. 12550.

Following the brief presentation on the Districting Commission, you are welcome to stay for the remainder of the CAC meeting, or to move on to Mayor Kennedy's Community Action Team organizational meeting, which also begins at 7 p.m. at the nearby Newburgh Armory Unity Center at 321 S. William Street.

For more information on the CAC, please call Chairman Brian Denniston at (845) 561-1131 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.